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REPLY TO THE
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR Family and Friends of D/1-31 FA Soldiers

SUBJECT: Welcome Letter

Greetings from beautiful Fort Sill, Oklahoma! My name is Captain Wesley E. Martin and I am your Soldier's Battery Commander for Basic Combat Training. My Battery First Sergeant is 1SG Robert Chapman. I'm pleased to write you concerning your Soldier who has been stationed here for Basic Combat Training. Your Soldiers are doing well and have had an opportunity to contact you at this point. Soldiers will receive phone privileges after they reach white phase. You will be contacted by phone on or around the fourth week of training on Sunday as long as your Soldier is not facing any disciplinary actions.

I want you to know that the Drill Sergeants and Cadre here are extremely professional and dedicated to the care and training of your Soldier. They are selected from the top 10% of their Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) and undergo rigorous training and certification to conduct training. The next nine weeks will be challenging for your Soldier, but we will do all that we can to ensure their success and a solid start to their military careers.

The unit also maintains and updates a Facebook page located at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/D1-31-Field-Artillery-Basic-Combat-Training/190543874313268>. If the link does not work, you can search Facebook for D/1-31 Field Artillery and it will be the first link. I will post pictures and weekly summaries of the major events as the cycle progresses. Important family day and graduation day information will be sent out both digitally via our official page and hard-copy via U.S. mail. Our official page can be found at <http://sill-www.army.mil/434/1-31/1-31d.html>.

I highly encourage you to attend the family day and graduation activities at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 19 March 2015 and 10:00 a.m. Friday, 20 March 2015 respectively. I will send out a detailed graduation information packet with maps, times, and locations later in your Soldiers' training. You can find information on Ft. Sill and the Lawton area at the chamber of commerce website: <http://www.lawtonfortsillchamber.com/index.php?pr=Lodging>. There is also great information on the 434th FA BDE website at: <http://sill-www.army.mil/434/>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any emergency situations regarding your Soldier. My telephone number is (580)442-0118/0116 and e-mail address is wesley.e.martin9.mil@mail.mil. I look forward to meeting you and hope you are able to attend your Soldier's graduation. Thank you for the support of your Soldier!

Sincerely,

WESLEY E. MARTIN
Captain, Field Artillery (FA)
Commanding